

ARIZONA COVID-19 RESPONSE

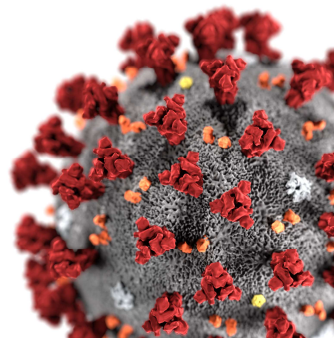
What Long Term Care Facilities Should Know

- Based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and what is known about other coronaviruses, spread is thought to occur mostly from person to person via respiratory droplets among close contacts.
- Close contact can occur while caring for a patient, including:
 - Being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a patient with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time.
 - Having direct contact with infectious secretions from a patient with COVID-19. Infectious secretions may include sputum, serum, blood, respiratory droplets and other potentially infectious materials.

How you can prepare

- Stay informed about the local COVID-19 situation.
 - You can visit azhealth.gov/covid19 or contact your [Local Health Department](#) for the most up-to-date news about the virus in Arizona.
- Review your infection prevention and control policies.
- Develop, or review, your facility's emergency plan.
 - A COVID-19 outbreak could lead to staff absenteeism. Prepare alternative staffing plans to ensure staff availability.
- Have a plan to ensure proper cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces and equipment
 - Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures are appropriate in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.

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Preventing spread

- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures are appropriate in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.
- Management of laundry, food service utensils, and medical waste should also be performed in accordance with routine procedures.

When to Contact Occupational Health Services

- If you have an unprotected exposure (i.e., not wearing recommended PPE) to a confirmed or possible COVID-19 patient, contact your supervisor or occupational health immediately.
- If you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing), do not report to work. Contact your occupational health services.

Who to contact if you have questions?

Please contact your local health department for more guidance and information.

azhealth.gov/localhealth

Additional Resources

- azhealth.gov/coronavirus
- [Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [What Healthcare Professionals Should Know \(CDC\)](#)
- cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov
- [Coronavirus Disease Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Arizona Pandemic Influenza Response Plan](#)
- [Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan](#)
- [List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](#)

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